

Rules and restrictions that applies to guests at the Abisko Scientific Research Station due to the Covid-19 pandemic, field season of 2020

General

All entrances are locked at all times. If you need to talk to the administrative staff, ring the doorbell at the main entrance or call them on the phone.

Rather than limiting the number of guests, we limit the number of projects since the project participants are assumed to work rather close together.

Each project should bring their own rental car (e.g. from Kiruna) so that you can go shopping etc. should you feel ill. The station will not rent any cars this field season.

If you feel ill when it is time to leave for Abisko, we ask you to stay at home. Should anyone fall ill during their stay, call the administrative staff on the phone. In such case, we will try to isolate you at the station, unless you become so sick that you need to see a doctor.

Accommodation and meals

We separate groups as much as possible, meaning that it may not be possible for you to have a single room even if you apply for such.

We schedule the use of the four guest kitchens so that projects are separated in time.

Hygiene

You must be very careful with your hand hygiene and wash them often.

You must keep to the “social distancing”, i.e. 2 metres, of all people outside of your project.

We provide hand disinfectant in all kitchens, as well as disinfectant to use on surfaces after you finished your meal.

If your project is sharing bathroom and toilets with other projects (in Carex/Culex), you must use the surface disinfectant after use.

If you need to use the laundry, contact the administrative staff.

You are not allowed to use your allocated kitchen when it is scheduled for another project. And you are only allowed to visit your allocated kitchen (no other kitchens).

At times, we will limit the amount of cleaning done by the ANS staff and ask you to help with some of the chores.

If you have had the Covid-19 infection and have been tested for it, or for antibodies, you must inform us (in case some guest is taken ill, we may need your assistance in helping them).

Closed-off areas

All common areas are closed-off and not to be used at any time – i.e. the library, the common room in the D house, the B house, the Lecture hall, and all saunas. The dining hall is closed, and there is no common morning coffee. In summary, this means that all social interactions outside of your project group must be done outdoors.

The passages between the D and A houses are closed, as are the passages between the A house lab corridors and the entrance and dining hall areas.

To enter the CIRC labs located in the A house, you must only use the ground floor entrance between the A and D houses, i.e. you must go outdoors to reach them.

To enter the labs in the A house, you must use the back entrance, to the far right as seen from the main entrance, i.e. you must go outdoors to reach them.

Laboratories, stores, and workshops

We schedule the use of labs, to spread out the people working in the same lab at the same time.

If you need to use the workshops, or get into a store that is locked, contact one of the technicians.

Telephone numbers

Working hours for the station staff are Monday-Friday 08.00-15.30 – if you need something at other times, you have to arrange this during our working hours.

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NB! Anyone who knowingly violates these rules and restrictions, may be told to leave the station.

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